

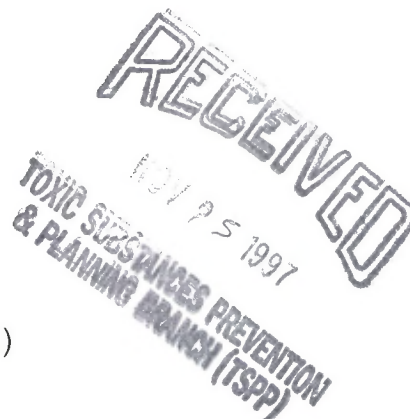


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November 17, 1997

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RE: Consent Agreement (V11-92H008 and V11 93-T-499-E)
Progress Report, Aug. 1, 1997 thru Oct. 31. 1997

Dear Mr. McCullers:

This report is being prepared pursuant to paragraph 8 of the first modification to consolidated consent agreement and order, as referenced above.

1. New Facility: Construction of the manufacturing facility is 100% completed. All office personnel are now relocated to the new facility.
2. The E-Coat System is currently operating with three (3) topcoat booths. Debugging and improvements of the E-Coat and material handling system has taken longer than anticipated. We are attaining 96% plus up time on a consistent basis.
3. We have all assembly departments set-up and running. The Fabrication Department located 436 South 5th Street was relocated to the new facility the week ending August 16, 1997. We completed the migration of all operations to the new facility on September 18, 1997.
4. For the months of July, August, and September Knapheide emitted 7.3 tons of volatile organic compounds at the new facility.

If you have any questions regarding the information presented, please call me at 217-222-7131.

Sincerely,

The Knapheide Manufacturing Company

Bryce Butler
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Facilities Manager

cc: Gerry Korb
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